

FOREIGN TROOPS ARE NOW IN PEKIN

Admiral Seymour Arrives—Russians Make an Attack—Massacres Reported—Cause of Chinese Riots.

[Early Dispatches.]

London, June 20, 10:42 a. m.—Shanghai reports originating from Chinese sources and credited by the local foreign officials state that the legations at Peking were safe Sunday, June 17.

Admiral Seymour, with a relieving column, is also reported to have reached Peking.

RUSSIANS ATTACK THE CITY.

London, June 20, 3 a. m.—The Russian relieving force arrived outside of Peking this morning, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, and immediately began to attack the city on two sides, employing numerous artillery. The force apparently arrived in the nick of time, for the Chinese assert that the attack upon the legations had been successfully repulsed.

On the night of June 16th the Chinese troops under Gen. Tung Fah Siang and Tung Chung attacked the legations and set on fire five European buildings. Nothing definite is known as to the result except that the Chinese were disappointed, although other reports, utterly discredited by foreigners here, say that the Chinese, infuriated by the destruction of Taku, have since massacred all the foreigners in Peking.

RUMORS ARE WILD.

A modified version of these rumors received at Berlin is that the French as well as the German minister has been killed.

The English at Shanghai think that the Chinese had foreign advice in organizing the defenses at Taku, because of the precision with which their attack was delivered. The wires connecting with the harbor mines were cut by the boats of the warships the night before the bombardment.

It is now reported at Shanghai that it was on board the Russian cruiser Korietz, and not the Manchur, that the explosion occurred, killing and wounding more than fifty. It is reported that no fewer than 700 Chinese were killed in the forts.

BRITISHER WOULD WHIP THREE.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says he is officially informed that Japan is mobilizing 25,000 men for immediate transport.

The British cruiser Undaunted arrived at Shanghai yesterday, cleared for action, and took up a position commanding the Chinese forts. There are Chinese cruisers in the harbor.

The new Chinese cruiser Hai-Yank, built by the Armstrongs, has been taken into custody at Taku by the British and Russians.

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS.

At Yum Nan Fu, where the rising has been gathering force for several days, 60 Christians have been attacked at the French mission settlement, many being put to death. The French consuls and three missionaries are still in prison.

The disorderly elements have secured the upper hand at Wa-Hu and Czechu, where the native Christians have been massacred.

A thousand Boxers have gathered on the outskirts of Tien Tsin.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: The Chinese officials here assert that they have received news from Peking up to June 17th. The situation was then very serious. Beyond that they claim to have received nothing, but they deny that dispatches have been withheld.

"Although I am not willing to adopt the alarmist reports, my impression, gathered from the consuls and the Chinese authorities, is that the worst is to be feared in Peking. Admiral Seymour's column is now in the middle of the plain, with no food and no good water and surrounded by hostile forces."

RUSSIA WORKING A SCHEME.

New York, June 20.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says:

Several deputies, in interviews, admitted that France's position in China is a delicate one. There is a general suspicion, that France's ally, Russia, desires to profit from the present condition as long as possible. If France fails to end it she will be playing Great Britain's and opposing Russia's game.

An article of the Chinese legation here named Oued-Chin has stated that the resistance to the foreign troops will continue and that affairs will be arranged by the guardian to the her prerogative taking the emperor dowager's place.

OTHER U. S. TROOPS FOR CHINA.

New York, June 20.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: General MacArthur has not yet reported his selection of the two additional regiments to be sent to Tien Tsin on the transports Warren and Sherman, but the authorities at the war department think that one of them will be the Fourth and the other the Twenty-second.

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SHORT OF FIGHTING MEN.

Chagrined is expressed that General MacArthur cannot start the Ninth regiment before next Sunday, and that the United States must be represented at Tien Tsin by naval forces, until the last day of June at least. Of the 200 men comprising the crew of the flagship Newark, 60 were at Peking, 104 were with General MacArthur in the international column, and as nearly one hundred are engaged in the fire room force of that vessel, there remained only 160 fighting men to guard the ship.

That fact would explain why, according to reports from Taku, the Newark landed no men to assault the forts on Sunday morning.

The Oregon will not reach Taku for at least a week, if not ten days, as she will be compelled to proceed cautiously for vessels of her draught, although it is plain sailing for lighter vessels.

The men from Manila will carry no food, but will be supplied with fresh water and other supplies to the fleet.

The sunboats Princeton and Marietta will probably start from Cavite on Wednesday, and the Admiral Kempff, chartered at Hongkong, will start on Sunday, June 24th.

It is a fleet tender with little capacity for carrying men or stores, but being useful as a dispatch boat, may be of

dored to Taku as a general utility transport.

LISCUM ORDERED TO PEKIN.

The orders of Col. Liscum of the Ninth infantry direct him to proceed to Peking for the relief and protection of the American legation and to take subsequent orders from Minister Conger. Beyond this he has the fullest discretion and will be governed by circumstances as he finds them. He is expected to confer with the American admiral on reaching Taku, whose assistance he will have if he needs it for landing his expedition. It is also thought that Col. Liscum will not hesitate to act concurrently with other forces which he finds at Tien Tsin, and which, like his own, are bound for the same destination.

One of the higher officials of the war department says:

"Col. Liscum must reach Peking as expeditiously as possible. If he can peacefully buy a ticket on the railway he will go through on a regular train, without questioning his fellow passengers. If the train is attacked, doubtless all the passengers will combine for defense, and if the others are as anxious as he is to reach their destination, they will push through shoulder to shoulder. It is necessary to detach a few companies of his command to furnish a proportionate part of a force required to maintain communication with the base of combined operations. Col. Liscum will not hesitate to assume his share of the responsibility. If he gets into a tight fix he will have the satisfaction of knowing that another American regiment, and perhaps two, will come to his support within a few days, as they will be ordered to leave Manila."

If the Princeton and the Marietta join Admiral Kempff, as seems probable now, he will have at his command a more numerous and effective fleet, ready to be adapted to service on the Pei-Ho river as far up as Tien Tsin than any of the other naval powers there represented.

AMERICAN MARINES TO CHINA.

Chicago, June 20.—A special to the Chicago from Norfolk, Va., says:

A company of marines from the Norfolk yard will be sent to China at once. Twenty-eight privates, commanded by two sergeants, will be sent to China at once. They are to be sent to the Washington marine barracks, there to join the fourth battalion of marines, which is under orders to proceed to San Francisco overland to embark thence for China. It is expected that more men will be drafted from the battalions stationed at this yard for service in Chinese waters.

MURDERED CHINESE CHRISTIANS.

San Francisco, June 20.—Mrs. A. P. Lowrie, a Protestant missionary, who has been stationed at Pao Ting Fu for the last six years, arrived here on the Doric. She reports that on the night of May 16th many native Christians, principally women and children, were murdered by the Boxers while fleeing from Pao Ting toward Tien Tsin. This was about ten miles from Mrs. Lowrie's station, which was not disturbed. The native Christians had been attacked on May 16th but successfully repulsed the horde of murderers, but in trying to reach Tien Tsin the following night were overtaken and murdered, and the Boxers then returned to Pao Ting and burned all the houses of their victims.

CAUSE OF CHINESE RIOTS.

New York, June 20.—In the current issue of the Independent will appear an article by Charles Denby, ex-minister to China, in which he says:

While contemplating the existing disturbances, it must be remembered that almost always there are riots or incipient insurrections in China. They are caused by popular discontent, which is produced by deluges, famines and short crops.

The government is held responsible for these misfortunes, and in order to affect it injuriously the simplest and most effective method to pursue is to attack Christian converts and foreign missionaries. By the treaties the converts to Christianity must be protected in their cult, and the foreign powers do not fail to go to their assistance whenever they are attacked.

THEIR PROTESTS WERE HYPOCRISY.

In 1897 Germany landed marines and took possession of the province of Shantung. Russia, which has promised to protect China against all her enemies, followed suit by taking Tientsin and Port Arthur. Russia, which has promised to protect China against all her enemies, followed suit by taking Tientsin and Port Arthur.

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William B. Allison.

ONE of the ablest and best known men in the senate is the Hon. William B. Allison, who is being prominently mentioned as a candidate for vice president of the Republican ticket. He is 71 years of age and a native of Ohio. He served four terms in the house of representatives and has been in the senate for 27 years. His present term in the senate expires March 3, 1903.

drilling a regiment of Chinese enlisted in that territory.

Italy demanded a great concession, but was put off with the right to work some mines.

NATIONS ON THE GRAB.

There seems to prevail among the powerful nations something like our senatorial rivalry at Washington. It is understood that no greater nation shall interfere with another great nation while it is preying upon a weak and defenseless nation. Each nation therefore takes its turn in despoiling its weak neighbors. It is scarcely to be doubted that if Russia were to take Manchuria, England would take the Yangtze valley, Germany Central China and France the two provinces of Canton and Szechuan. What Japan would do is problematical—possibly she might claim the provinces which are nearest to Formosa, including the thriving towns of Amoy and Fuchow, and the entire of China. If she accomplishes this, she would have the entire of the various powers in such an emergency can only be judged of from the past. No nation, not even our own, has objected to the seizure of Chinese territory by the European powers. It is as no nation raised its voice when England commenced its war on the South African republics. Diplomats all over the world shook their heads and there were many words of muttered disapproval. The foreigner claims that she is favoring the Boxers. As nobody doubts her intelligence, it is hard to believe that she is fostering an organization whose depredations may cost her her empire. Prudent statesmen, however, demand that she shall protect the foreigner against the attacks of the Boxers.

If the press is antagonizing progress, if she is failing to protect foreigners, she is pursuing a mistaken policy. All and every possible method should be adopted to secure to foreigners who are lawfully in China under the treaties absolute protection. The writer went as far as anybody ever went in that direction when he asked on several occasions authority from his government to procure ships to bombard any town in which a riot against foreigners occurred. Amid all the smoke and riots and sensational reports, one thing is certain, the empire has seized into her shambles but strong hand the reins of government in order to prevent the partition among European powers of the entire of China. If she accomplishes this, she would have the entire of the various powers in such an emergency can only be judged of from the past. No nation, not even our own, has objected to the seizure of Chinese territory by the European powers. It is as no nation raised its voice when England commenced its war on the South African republics. Diplomats all over the world shook their heads and there were many words of muttered disapproval. The foreigner claims that she is favoring the Boxers. As nobody doubts her intelligence, it is hard to believe that she is fostering an organization whose depredations may cost her her empire. Prudent statesmen, however, demand that she shall protect the foreigner against the attacks of the Boxers.

CHINA OPPRESSED BY FOREIGNERS.

After this is really all said there is really somewhere in our nature a sympathy with the oppressed and against the wrongdoer. Is it improper to say that this feeling will go out to the Chinese? The foreigner claims that she is favoring the Boxers. As nobody doubts her intelligence, it is hard to believe that she is fostering an organization whose depredations may cost her her empire. Prudent statesmen, however, demand that she shall protect the foreigner against the attacks of the Boxers.

RUSSIANS AT TAKU FIGHT.

St. Petersburg, June 20.—Vice Admiral Alexeeff from Port Arthur reports the capture of the Taku forts, the bombardment fleet was commanded by the Russian captain Dubrowski, as senior officer present. The Russian losses were two lieutenants killed, one severely and one slightly wounded and sixteen men killed and sixty-seven wounded. The gunboat Gijak was seriously damaged by a shell below the water line, and must be docked for repairs. The gunboat Korietz was leaking in six places, and had her cabin destroyed. The gunboat Bobr was damaged. Besides the above Admiral Alexeeff says the French warship Lion, the British Albatross and German gunboat Iltis participated in the engagement.

ALTOGETHER TOO ARBITRARY.